

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 801

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to recognize Sam Gibbons for his service as a member of the United States Army.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in honoring those members of the United States military who, throughout their distinguished careers, have served with honor, bravery, and an unswerving commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Sam Gibbons, who served valiantly as a member of the United States Army, both stateside and abroad, between 1944 and 1953; and

WHEREAS, born on April 10, 1927, Mr. Gibbons entered Basic Training at Ft. Knox, Kentucky, in 1944; two years later, he traveled by ship to Korea, serving there for nine months in what has since been called the "Forgotten War"; and

WHEREAS, Sam Gibbons returned home and worked at the Algood Post Office until he was called back into the Army in 1951; this time completing Basic Training in Ft. Jackson, South Carolina, he thereafter served for nineteen months in Nuremberg, Germany. His barracks there happened to be Hitler's former headquarters; and

WHEREAS, returning home once again after his discharge in 1953, Mr. Gibbons resumed his job with the Algood Post Office, where he ably served until his retirement in 1986; in addition to being entrusted to steward his community's mail, he owned and operated Algood Shell Service until 1982; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Sam Gibbons served the United States and the State of Tennessee with honor and distinction, and it is wholly fitting that we recognize him for his sterling military service; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF

REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Sam Gibbons for his devoted service to the people of this nation as a member of the United States Army, extending our gratitude for his many years of selfless service and our best wishes for his every future happiness and success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.